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1. DIRGEN COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY ELIADES WILL AGAIN
LEAD GOC TEAM IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH EC COMMISSION
BEGINNING IN BRUSSELS MARCH 13. MINCOM SOURCES
DESCRIBE AS "PALATABLE" TARIFF REDUCTIONS AND TIMING
CHANGES PROPOSED IN MODIFIED NEGOTIATING MANDATE.
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THEY CONSIDER UNACCEPTABLE, HOWEVER, SIZE OF IMPORT
QUOTAS AND REGRESSIVE PROPOSAL THAT QUOTAS DROP IN
1979 FROM 1978 LEVELS.

2. MANDATE OFFERS QUOTAS OF 75,000 TONS OF POTATOES
IN 1978 FALLING TO 65,000 IN 1979, CARROTS FALL
FROM 2,200 TONS TO 2,000 AND GRAPES FROM 6,500 TONS

TO 6,000. GOC FEELS THAT ACCEPTANCE OF DECLINING
FIGURE FOR 1979 WILL SET UNFORTUNATE PRECEDENT.
ELIADES WILL PRESS HARD FOR CONSTANT FIGURE, EVEN TO
POINT OF AGREEING TO SOMEWHAT SMALLER QUOTAS IN 1978.
MINCOM SOURCES BELIEVE THIS WILL MAKE POST 1979
NEGOTIATIONS EASIER.

3. GOC WILL TAKE BASICALLY SAME APPROACH TO NEGOTIATIONS
AS IT HAS IN PAST. CURRENT POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES WILL
BE STRESSED. ELIADES WILL ALSO CONTRAST PROGRESSIVELY
MORE FAVORABLE IMPORT DUTIES OFFERED BY CYPRUS FOR EC
MANUFACTURED GOODS WITH REGRESSIVE NATURE OF EC
AGRICULTURAL IMPORT QUOTAS. MINCOM SOURCES EXPECT
AGREEMENT TO BE INITIALLED BEFORE END OF WEEK.
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